



Willem-Alexander, King of the Netherlands, right, and Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, and the Duke of Edinburgh arrive to attend the Remembrance Sunday ceremony at the Cenotaph in London, Sunday, Nov. 8, 2015. Remembrance Sunday is held each year to commemorate service men and women who fought in past military conflicts.

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Good, not spectacular, preliminary ratings for Trump on SNL

FRAZIER MOORE
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Donald Trump hadn't gotten far into his opening monologue before trouble occurred. An off-screen heckler interrupted with a cry of "You're a racist!"

But the "heckler" was comedian Larry David, who before Trump arrived on-stage had been seen impersonating Democratic presidential hopeful Bernie Sanders.

"Larry, what are you doing?" Trump asked with a trace of exasperation.

"I heard if I yelled that, they'd give me \$5,000," said David with a shrug, echoing an offer made publicly by one of the Hispanic groups protesting Trump's appearance.

"As a businessman," Trump told him, "I can fully respect that."

Trump's 90 minutes in the "SNL" spotlight followed weeks of growing anticipation, increasingly sharp criticism and mounting calls for him to be dropped from the show. But the Republican presidential candidate hosted Saturday's "SNL" as scheduled.

And, at least in NBC's Studio 8H, there was no more unrest — orchestrated or otherwise. (Deport Racism, the group that made the \$5,000 offer, tweeted that David would get the bounty, "joke or not.")

Only hours after the broadcast, Trump was back on television and characteristically bullish about his performance, calling it "very well received and probably got very good ratings, who knows."

Very good, but not spectacular. Preliminary Nielsen ratings measuring households in 56 U.S. markets gave Saturday's "SNL" its highest rating only since January 2012.

Basketball great Charles Barkley was host that night. Full results, including viewership figures, will be released Thursday, NBC said. Trump also told CNN's "State of the Union" that some sketches were cut because they were "a little risqué." He did not go into details.

During his monologue, Trump promised his hosting appearance would be "something special," while noting that many people had asked him why he accepted the gig.

He said they had told him, "You're brilliant, you're handsome, you're rich. The world is waiting for you to be president. Why?"

His answer:

"I had nothing better to do."

"But part of the reason I'm here," he added, "is to show I can take a joke."

In one sketch, Trump was willing to mock his penchant for tweeting insults about people with whom he differs.

"I hate to break it to you guys," he told viewers, "but I'm not going to be in the next sketch." Instead, off-camera, he live-tweeted comments that were flashed on the screen about "SNL" cast members performing a skit:

"Cecily Strong is not a nice person."

"Kate McKinnon was born stupid."

"I love SNL ... SNL loves me. But everyone in this sketch is a total loser who can bite my dust."

Another sketch imagined Trump in the Oval Office in 2018 — two years into his presidency — savoring his many successes.

By then, Syria is at peace. China is borrowing money from the U.S. Trump's real-life daughter, Ivanka, is the administration's secretary of the interior, and announces the Washington Monument will be covered with gold.

Did it all sound too good to be possible?

"If you think that's how it's going to be when I'm president, you're wrong. It's going to be even better," Trump said, addressing the audience.

"I said to the writers of this sketch, 'Keep it modest.'" His preference, he insisted, was to keep expectations low for his presidency and not overpromise.

Until Saturday, just eight politicians had served as guest hosts in the NBC sketch comedy series' 40 years. □



Taran Killam, left, Republican presidential candidate and guest host Donald Trump, center, and Darrell Hammond perform during the monologue on "Saturday Night Live", Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015. Trump's 90 minutes in the "SNL" spotlight followed weeks of growing anticipation, increasingly sharp criticism and mounting calls for him to be dropped from the show.

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Republican presidential candidate Ben Carson speaks during a news conference in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. Carson said Sunday that he's facing an unprecedented level of scrutiny about the veracity of his life story.

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LAURIE KELLMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Re-

publican presidential candidate Ben Carson said Sunday that he's facing

an unprecedented level of scrutiny about the veracity of his life story and ques-

Carson: Questions on background aren't relevant to presidential bid

tioned whether the issues dogging him over his autobiography are important to the nation's search for the next president.

"Every single day, every other day or every week, you know, they're going to come out with, 'Well, you said this when you were 13,'" the retired neurosurgeon said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

"The whole point is to distract the populace, to distract me," Carson added. "If you've got a real scandal, if you've got something that's really important, let's talk about that."

Moving on, at least in the short term, is unlikely. The accuracy of Carson's autobiography has dominated his campaign in the past few days, and there are likely to be more questions asked on Tuesday during the next Republican presidential debate. The scrutiny reflects Carson's transformation from political outsider to the top of the polls in the unsettled nomination fight, second only to billionaire developer Donald Trump. And in early voting Iowa, some polls show Carson's leading.

Trump on Sunday tried to keep the allegations alive. On several news shows, he repeated examples from Carson's autobiography, "Gifted Hands," including Carson's claim that he hit his mother and unsuccessfully tried to stab someone. Several times, Trump quoted Carson as describing his younger self as having a "pathological" temper — and then demurred on his own opinion of Carson's character and veracity.

"I just don't know. I mean, I'm not involved. I don't really know," Trump said on CNN's "State of the Union." Carson insists no other candidate has received the level of scrutiny that he has. Asked on NBC whether he is getting more than President Barack Obama and former President Bill Clinton, Carson replied: "Not like this. Not even close."

Scrutiny of one's past is par for any major candidate for president, not only Carson. Obama's citizenship was

questioned and he later released a birth certificate showing that he was born in Hawaii. Clinton's marital dalliances were probed during his 1992 campaign. The Miami Herald staked out then-Sen. Gary Hart's townhouse in 1987 and caught him in an extramarital affair. Hillary Rodham Clinton, the front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination, last month testified about the private email server she kept at her house and used for government business while she was secretary of state.

Carson is a newcomer to presidential politics, so much about his life, career and published works are being raked over for the first time, and his longtime status as an American success story examined. Carson strongly disputed that there was any dishonesty intended.

Gone Sunday was the anger he showed during a press conference on Friday, when the usually even-tempered Carson demanded that reporters explain why, in his opinion, Obama had not been subjected to the same scrutiny. "My job is to call you out when you're unfair, and I'm going to continue to do that," he said.

"Gifted Hands" is central to much of the scrutiny. It tells the story of Carson's rise from a childhood in inner city Detroit to becoming the director of pediatric neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. In it, he tells of trying to stab a close friend when he was a teenager. CNN reported it could not find friends or confidants to corroborate that story.

Politico published a piece examining Carson's claim of receiving a scholarship offer to attend the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. The Wall Street Journal said it could not confirm Carson anecdotes from his high school and college years. The academy does not offer scholarships, instead extending all expenses paid to students it admits. Carson never applied for admission. □

Congress dodging war powers despite US mission in Syria



Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., speaks with reporters on Capitol Hill in Washington. In the fight against the Islamic State group, members of Congress talk tough on extremism, but most want nothing to do with voting to legally authorize the military campaign, preferring to let the president take ownership of the mission.

(AP Photo/Cliff Owen)

DEB RIECHMANN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the fight against the Islamic State group, members of Congress talk tough against extremism, but many want to run for cover when it comes to voting on new war powers to fight the militants, preferring to let the president own the battle. They might not be able to avoid a vote for long.

The U.S. military intervention in Iraq and Syria is creeping forward, putting more pressure on Congress to vote on a new Authorization for the Use of Military Force. It would be the first war vote in Congress in 13 years.

Democratic Sen. Tim Kaine, a leading force in the Senate for a new authorization measure, said the reluctance to vote runs deep and that many in Congress prefer to criticize President Barack Obama's policy in Iraq and Syria without either authorizing or stopping the fight.

"There is sort of this belief that if we do not vote, we cannot be held politically accountable. We can just blame the president," Kaine said.

"We are forcing people to be deployed far from home in a theater of war, and risking their lives and losing their lives and members of Congress are like 'I'm afraid of this vote because somebody might try to hold me accountable

for it.'"

The vote in 2002 to authorize the invasion of Iraq was politically perilous for many lawmakers — and is shadowing 2016 presidential candidates today.

"I know lawmakers who still go over to Arlington Cemetery — to the gravesites of folks killed in the Iraq War and wonder 'Why did I vote for this?'" Kaine said.

Fellow Democratic Sen. Chris Murphy agreed, saying crafting a plan to fight IS isn't easy. "It's very convenient for Congress just to force the president to do it and blame him if it fails," Murphy said. "If we pass an AUMF, then we own the strategy."

To fight IS, Obama has relied on congressional authorizations given to President George W. Bush for the war on al-Qaida and the invasion of Iraq. Critics say the White House's use of post-9/11 congressional authorizations is a legal stretch at best. And they note that the battle has grown exponentially.

Since August 2014, the U.S.-led coalition has conducted nearly 8,000 airstrikes in Iraq and Syria. There are 3,400 U.S. military personnel currently deployed to Iraq. More than \$4.7 billion has been spent so far in fighting IS. The exodus of refugees from Syria has intensified and Russia has entered the

conflict in Syria.

"I think we are seeing an example of mission creep right now," said Republican Rep. Tom Cole, who signed the letter calling for a new AUMF. "I think we should go ahead. We are gradually ceding over our war-making authority to the president. Big mistake. No matter which side you are on, you ought to want Congress to do this. And you ought to be able to hold your member accountable for how they ultimately vote."

After Obama announced late last month that he was deploying some 50 Special Operations forces to northern Syria, lawmakers released a flurry of statements urging passage of new war

powers legislation.

On Friday, a bipartisan group of 35 House members called on new Speaker Paul Ryan to schedule and debate on a war authorization as quickly as possible in light of the United States' "deepening entanglement in Syria and Iraq."

Sen. Bob Corker, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, has asked the Obama administration to brief committee members as early as next week on the legal justifications for recent deployments to Syria and elsewhere.

Generally, conservatives want Congress to approve broad authorities for the president to fight IS militants with no limits on ground troops. □

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American Living:

A mosque grows slowly amid opposition in New Hampshire



The state's first mosque is seen in Manchester, New Hampshire. Muslim leaders trying to build the mosque face many of the same struggles other houses of worship contend with: Lack of funds and shrinking attendance.

(AP Photo/Jim Cole)

RIK STEVENS

Associated Press

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire (AP) — The same financial difficulties that face houses of worship across the U.S. have stalled a 10-year effort by New Hampshire's small Muslim community to construct their first mosque — and build a bridge to their non-Muslim neighbors who never wanted it there in the first place. A decade after the still-unfinished red brick structure began rising out of a stony hillside overlooking the Merrimack Valley, the Islamic Society of New Hampshire says it has raised about \$2

million for the project, less than half of what it needs to complete construction. Now the society, which relies on donations from its very small local Muslim community, is casting a wider net — to Muslims around the world — hoping to raise enough to finish the building before it deteriorates past the point of saving.

"Everywhere else mosques are being built, the Muslim population itself is pretty dense and much higher compared to what we have in New Hampshire," said Mohammad Islam, chairman of the mosque's

building committee. "And within that, the percentage of affluent Muslims, professionals in the space of doctors, engineers and businessmen, is much higher. Over here, we're hitting the same group of people again and again for donations."

The number of mosques in the United States rose from 1,209 in 2000 to 2,106 in 2011, the latest year for which data is available, according to a report issued by the Council on American-Islamic Relations. Over roughly the same period, the number of Muslims fell in New Hampshire, from

an estimated 3,782 adherents in 2000 to 1,616 in 2010, ranking the northeastern state 46th, according to the Association of Religion Data Archives.

The numbers of Muslims — like estimates of any faith group — need to be viewed cautiously: Because the U.S. Census doesn't ask about religion, counts rely on self-reporting, institutional estimates and, often, extrapolation.

New Hampshire Muslims have three Islamic centers — usually in rented office space — where they can pray, the same number found in states including Alaska, North Dakota and Wyoming. But New Hampshire lags behind other sparsely populated states such as Maine and South Dakota with five each, Idaho (6) and Nevada (7). Those numbers pale compared to states like New York with 257 centers and mosques and California with 246.

The small centers can't handle major festivals like Eid al-Fitr or Eid al-Adha, so the New Hampshire society has rented out stadiums and university gymnasiums for bigger events. The 17,000-square-foot (1,579-square-meter) mosque would provide a

central gathering place and realize a goal dating to 1987, when a student at then-New Hampshire College rented a Manchester apartment to serve as a temporary mosque.

In 1998, the society bought 2.75 acres (1.1 hectares) to build a true mosque, a dome-topped, three-story octagonal structure with plenty of prayer and meeting space. Construction started eight years later and, beyond fundraising, there were hurdles from the start.

Zoning challenges came from neighbors who worried their quiet way of life would come to an end, ruined by cars spilling out of the parking lot and lining the street. In 2013, some kids smashed windows, causing more than \$30,000 in damage.

There were strong — sometimes harsh — words. In 2006, Douglas Lambert, a Gilford businessman, wrote an op-ed piece in a newspaper in which he mused: "How many mosques have been used throughout the Moslem (sic) world as ammo dumps and hide-outs for murderous thugs?" Now 51, Lambert said he has spent a lot of time "agonizing" about whether he still feels the same. □

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The Associated Press

Americans finally feel confident enough in the U.S. economy to splurge.

Friday's jobs report suggested that many of the hefty total of 271,000 positions added in October resulted from consumer spending — and the expectation that solid spending would extend through the holiday shopping season.

People are treating themselves to gourmet hamburgers, expanded wardrobes and new cars. Their spending has offset the global weakness that has hampered the manufacturing sector, jarred the stock market and depressed oil prices.

The economy remains far from fully healed. Yet job growth has generated more confidence and helped power a recovery entering its seventh year.

The government said restaurants and bars employed an additional 42,000 workers last month. Clothing stores added 19,500, auto dealers 5,600. Roughly half the jobs added came from just three sectors that depend on consumers: Health care; retail; and hospitality and leisure. Overall, the hiring helped push the unemployment rate to a seven-year low of 5 percent. It showed that even the slow rebound from the Great Recession is generating



Target shoppers Kelly Foley, left, Debbie Winslow, center, and Ann Rich shop in South Portland, Maine. Friday's jobs report suggested that many of the hefty total of 271,000 positions added in October resulted from consumer spending — and the expectation that solid spending would extend through the holiday shopping season. (AP Photo/Robert F. Bukaty)

traction after years of sub-par growth levels.

In Boston, Michael Leonard is looking to buy a car.

"I've got a higher salary and lower expenses up here," said Leonard, of Boston's Back Bay neighborhood, who started a new accounting job in April after moving from Charleston, South Carolina.

He's been buying lunches at restaurants twice a week and going out to dinner about once a week, more than he did in Charleston. And he now plans to upgrade to a nicer vehicle than he first intended.

"I'd be getting used,"

Leonard said. "Now I'm looking at new."

After recently graduating from college, Christianne Kinder found a job managing customer service in Boston and "more disposable income" faster than she expected.

She doesn't have a car and spends little on transportation, giving her more to spend on clothes and food.

"I spend most of my paycheck on T.J. Maxx," said Kinder, a self-described "foodie."

Even as the economy improves, some people are still waiting for their ex-

penses to become more manageable. In cities like Denver and San Francisco, sharply rising housing costs have put the benefits of an improving job market out of reach for many residents.

Chris Harvey, a 32-year-old Denver resident, bemoaned the city's high rents and said his spending habits haven't changed.

"The rent — it's going through the roof," Harvey said, smoking a cigarette outside his apartment building a few blocks from the state capitol.

Harvey said he's paying \$785 for a studio, and to

make ends meet, he's renting part of it to friends who need a place to stay. He doesn't plan to spend any more than usual during the holiday shopping season.

The low oil prices have minimized inflation. But that's hurt some who manage on fixed incomes.

In St. Paul, Minnesota, Lynne Navratil, 64, retired after working for the Ramsey County government. The relative absence of inflation means that Social Security recipients like her are receiving no cost-of-living-adjustment, even as her expenses for rent and health care have increased.

"I do love to eat out a lot, but I'm really having to budget closely in order to make it each month," she said. "It doesn't feel good." Navratil said she'll be spending less on holiday shopping this year than she usually does "because I can't afford it."

The revival of downtowns around the country has helped boost spending on night life and construction. Demand for new buildings helped raise construction wages 1.5 percent over the past month — an 18 percent annualized increase — to an average of \$25.40 an hour. That compares with an average 0.4 percent month-over-month increase for all rank-and-file U.S. employees. □

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Passengers wait to leave Egypt, Russian inspectors en route

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Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — International passengers departing Egypt's Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh continued to line up for flights on Sunday, as the first of three teams of Russian inspectors was dispatched to the country to examine airport security following the Oct. 31 airline disaster. The Russian flight's crash in the Sinai Peninsula that killed all 224 people on-board continues to generate fallout, after the Islamic State claimed responsibility for its downing and U.S. and British officials say intelligence shows it was likely brought down by a bomb on board. Britain and several airlines have stopped normally

scheduled flights to the resort, while Russia has suspended all flights to Egypt because of security concerns. U.S. lawmakers weighed in on the issue Sunday. Rep. Adam Schiff of California, the top Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, told ABC's "This Week" if it's confirmed the plane was brought down by an Islamic State bomb, then "ISIS has now fully eclipsed al-Qaida as the gravest terrorist threat in the world." British Foreign Secretary Phillip Hammond told the BBC on Sunday that if the bomb is confirmed, it will require a potential rethinking of airport security in all areas where the extremist group is active.



Tourists arrive to the departure hall of the Sharm el-Sheikh airport, south Sinai, Egypt. International passengers departing Egypt's Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh continued to line up for flights on Sunday, following the Oct. 31 airline disaster.

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Russian Deputy Prime Minister Arkady Dvorkovich did not give details on what specific security issues the inspections teams would be examining. Dvorkovich said that 11,000 Russians were flown home from Egypt on Saturday and an even larger number were expected to leave Sunday, according to Russian news agencies. Security officials at the Sharm el-Sheikh airport have told The Associated Press that the facility has long had gaps in security, including a key baggage scanning device that often is not functioning and lax searches at an entry gate for food and fuel for the planes. One security official said drugs and weapons slip through security checks at the airport because poorly paid policemen monitoring X-ray machines can be bribed. A spokesman for Egypt's Aviation Ministry, Mohamed Rahma, dismissed the accounts of inad-

equately security, saying "Sharm el-Sheikh is one of the safest airports in the world," without elaborating. Egyptian authorities have bristled at the allegations of lax security, with some blaming an anti-Egypt bias in the foreign media. Those sensitivities were on display Sunday as foreign camera crews were prevented from filming inside the Sharm el-Sheikh airport, along the city's main tourist strip in Naama Bay, or in other public spaces. Despite strong government denials, the suggestions of a major security breach at Sharm el-Sheikh airport have gained traction among some Egyptians. On Saturday an Associated Press reporter at Cairo airport witnessed several passengers yelling at security personnel to pay more attention to the X-ray scanner, with one man repeatedly shouting, "This is what happened in Sharm!" Meanwhile, the Mideast re-

gion's biggest airline, Emirates, said it was reviewing its security procedures in Egypt but remains committed to maintaining flights to Egypt, calling it "an enormously important market." In Russia, more than a thousand mourners packed into the landmark St. Isaac's Cathedral in St. Petersburg for a memorial service for the victims. Attendees lit candles and stood in silence as the cathedral bells rang 224 times to remember each victim. "We came to the service today with all our family to support the people in our common grief," said Galina Stepanova, 58. Stepanova said she believed the plane was downed by a bomb, but said that Russia should continue its airstrike campaign against the Islamic State group and other insurgents in Syria. "We have a rightful cause to help Syria in its fight against terrorism," she said. □

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Queen Leads Britain in Annual Service Honoring War Dead

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Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Across Britain, people paused for a moment's silent reflection Sunday to remember the country's war dead as Queen Elizabeth II led an annual service in the capital.

The monarch was joined by other royals, senior politicians, and hundreds of veterans and well-wishers who filled the streets of Whitehall for the solemn ceremony, held every November at the Cenotaph war memorial.

A hush fell over central London as Big Ben struck 11 a.m., with all those attending — as well as millions up and down the country — observing two minutes' silence. The service takes place every year on the 11th hour on the nearest Sunday to the anniversary of the end of World War I on Nov. 11, 1918.

The day now also pays tribute to all those fallen

in subsequent conflicts, including World War II, Iraq and Afghanistan.

The queen laid the first wreath of red poppies — a potent symbol of WWI and remembrance throughout the Commonwealth and many other countries — at the foot of the monument. She was followed by King Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands, who was invited to the event by the queen this year to mark the 70th anniversary of the liberation of his country following the end of WWII.

Prince Philip, the queen's husband — and Princes William, Harry and Andrew, who have all served in the armed forces — all paid their respects.

Afterward, veterans paraded down the streets as military bands played.

This year, organizers say the service was slightly shorter than in previous years so that elderly veterans do not have to stand for as long. □



Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, 2nd right, and the Duke of Edinburgh, right, stand with the Netherlands' King Willem-Alexander and his wife Queen Maxima of the Netherlands, left, in the Foreign & Commonwealth Office, central London, prior to attending the Cenotaph Remembrance Service, Sunday, Nov. 8, 2015, in tribute for members of the armed forces who have died in major conflicts.

(Jonathan Brady/PA via AP)

German coalition sends conflicting signals on Syrian asylum initiative

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Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — Senior members of German Chancellor Angela Merkel's coalition sent conflicting signals on Sunday over a shelved initiative by the interior minister to give many Syrians restricted asylum, setting off a new round of government squabbling.

Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere appeared to surprise the coalition when he said Friday that many Syrians should get "subsidiary protection," which comes with only a one-year renewable residence permit and wouldn't allow them to bring relatives to Germany for two years. Amid criticism, he shelved the idea hours later.

Merkel's chief of staff, Peter Altmaier, made clear he wasn't informed that the initiative had been launched.

It remains unclear why the conservative de Maiziere's ministry made an apparent solo decision which angered members of Vice Chancellor Sigmar Gabriel's center-left Social Democrats.

The minister's announcement came only a day after Merkel's coalition ended a damaging, week-long argument over how to speed up processing of migrants with poor asylum prospects. □

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Activists say IS group releases 37 Syrian Christian captives

ALBERT AJI
Associated Press

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — Islamic State militants on Saturday released 37 Syrian Christians, mostly women, who were among more than 200 people from the Assyrian minority group ab-

ducted in February, activists said. Also Saturday, the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the death toll from an airstrike on an IS-controlled eastern city near the border with Iraq rose to 71. The group

initially reported that the Thursday attack killed 25 people. The Observatory, which relies on a network of activists on the ground to monitor the war in Syria, said at least six children were among the dead. Other

activist groups, as well as the Islamic State, said the attack was carried out by Russian jets, targeting a school and a popular market in Boukamal. In videos and pictures posted online purportedly showing the aftermath of the airstrike,

people are seen digging for survivors in the rubble and holding children soaked in blood. Russia began carrying out airstrikes in Syria on Sept. 30, further complicating a civil war that is now in its fifth year. □

Police: Palestinian rams car into Israelis in West Bank



An Israeli soldier walks past the lifeless body of a Palestinian, right, who rammed his vehicle into a group of Israelis standing at a hitchhiking station, in the West Bank, near the Palestinian town of Nablus, Sunday, Nov. 8, 2015. Four Israelis were wounded from the incident and the attacker was shot dead by paramilitary officers, Israeli police said. (AP Photo/Ariel Schalit)

JERUSALEM (AP) — A Palestinian attacker rammed his vehicle into a group of Israelis standing at a hitch-

hiking station in the West Bank Sunday, wounding four of them before he was shot dead by paramilitary

officers, Israeli police said. Police spokeswoman Luba Samri said two of the Israelis were moderately wounded in the attack, the latest in nearly two months of violence across the region. Later, the Israeli military said a Palestinian woman stabbed a security guard at the entrance to a West Bank settlement. The guard was lightly wounded and shot the woman, wounding her. Security camera footage showed the woman wearing a black, full-length robe and a veil over her hair chatting with the guard and handing over documentation. As he looks down to inspect her papers, she reaches

into her purse to pull out a long-bladed knife and swings it in his direction as they both fall out of the frame. Hours later, the military said an Israeli man showed up at a West Bank checkpoint with a wound to his stomach. He said he was stabbed while shopping in a Palestinian village. Since mid-September, 12 Israelis have been killed in Palestinian attacks, most of them stabbings, while 74 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli fire, including 47 who Israel said were involved in attacks or attempted attacks. The other 27 Palestinians were killed in clashes between stone-throwers and security forces.

In addition to stabbings, Palestinians have also carried out shooting attacks and used vehicles to attack Israelis. The bloodshed was triggered by unrest at a major Jerusalem shrine revered by both Muslims and Jews, and quickly spread to Israel, the West Bank and the Gaza border. Israel has blamed the violence on incitement by Palestinian political and religious leaders. Palestinians say the violence is rooted in a lack of hope for gaining independence after years of failed peace efforts. Also Sunday, Israeli police said officers arrested an Israeli youth who attacked a human rights activist last month. □

Gunmen in Libya abduct 2 Serbian Embassy employees

BELGRADE, Serbia (AP) — Gunmen in Libya crashed into a convoy of vehicles taking Serbia's ambassador to neighboring Tunisia and then kidnapped two other embassy employees, officials said.

The embassy's communications officer, Sladjana Stankovic, and driver Jovica Stepic, were kidnapped in the northwest coastal town of Sabratha, Serbia's Foreign Ministry said.

The ministry is "doing all it can to get more information and secure the return of our citizens in a very complicated situation on the ground," a statement said. Ambassador Oliver Po-

tezica, who escaped unharmed and was traveling in the three-vehicle convoy with his wife and two sons aged 8 and 14, later recounted the attack. "It happened like in a movie," Potezica told Tanjug

news agency from Tunisia. "The attack happened when one of the embassy cars was hit from behind. When the driver came out to check what happened, he was dragged into one of the attackers' cars." □

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Official: Missing in Brazil disaster unlikely found

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — The 28 people missing since the failure of two dams at an iron ore mine flooded a village in south-eastern Brazil are unlikely to be found alive, the governor of the affected state said Sunday.

Speaking at a news conference, Minas Gerais Gov. Fernando Pimentel said it was still not known what triggered Thursday's failure of dams at the Samarco mine, which sent viscous red mud, water and debris flooding into the hamlet of Bento Rodrigues, flattening all but a handful of buildings.

The mud tide has continued to spread, causing flooding in other nearby towns, pouring into an area river and threatening the water supply of several cities in the neighboring state of Espirito Santo.

"One lost human life would be irreparable — imagine 28," Pimentel was quoted as saying by the Rio de Janeiro newspaper O Globo. "It's a disaster, a tragedy of great dimension."

One person has been confirmed dead, and 15 village residents and 13 mine workers are listed as missing, the governor and the state fire department said Sunday.

The number of missing has been in flux in recent days, with local officials saying pockets of survivors might still be holed up in isolated areas. Authorities said Saturday that 19 people were missing, a few hours after reporting 23 people unaccounted for.

Helicopter searches for survivors resumed Sunday morning despite rainy conditions that have hampered rescue efforts. □

Argentina:

Sprawling Buenos Aires province key to election

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 CIUDADELA, Argentina**

(AP) — Yanina Mendoza doesn't seem a natural voter for opposition leader Mauricio Macri, a member of one of Argentina's richest families who is running for president on pro-market credentials.

The 24-year-old single mother makes about \$1,200 a month as a maid and lives in a rough area of Ciudadela, a city about 12 miles (20 kilometers) west of Buenos Aires. Since the country's return to democracy in 1983, her Tres de Febrero neighborhood has traditionally backed leaders from within Peronism, a working class movement founded by three-time President Juan Peron.

That changed Oct. 25, when millions like Mendoza in the vast Buenos Aires province shook up the political landscape by voting for Macri and forcing a Nov. 22 runoff against Daniel Scioli, the governing party candidate. Scioli has been governor of the province for eight years and is the chosen successor of outgoing President Cristina Fernandez, the current standard-bearer of Peronism.

"I hope Macri can be a real change," Mendoza said, emerging with her 1-year-old daughter from an apartment building

with bars on the windows. "Every day there is more crime, and we need more police."

Macri's surprisingly strong first-round finish was based

demographers, to understand what happened last month.

For months, polls predicted Scioli would win the election by 10 points or more.



Pedro Aguilera takes her mother Maria to the doctor in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Aguilera says he will vote opposition candidate Mauricio Macri on Nov. 22 presidential runoff election against ruling party candidate Daniel Scioli.

(AP Photo/Natasha Pisarenko)

largely on his robust showing in Buenos Aires province, whose 15 million residents make up 40 percent of the country's population and is larger geographically than Italy or the U.S. state of Arizona. The province includes coastline, farmland and a seemingly endless sprawl of densely populated urban centers around the city of Buenos Aires, which is part of the province.

Whoever wins the province will likely be the South American nation's next president, a reality that has prompted a mad scramble by the candidates, along with political observers and

But instead, he garnered 37 percent, barely ahead of Macri at 34 percent. The biggest surprise was in this province: Scioli got 3.5 million votes while Macri got 3.1 million, a shocking result that analysts can only interpret with the old adage that "all politics are local." Scioli is finishing his second term as governor of the province while Macri is doing the same as mayor of the city of Buenos Aires, giving voters firsthand experience by which to judge them.

"There are many problems in the province that haven't been solved," said Roberto Chiti, an analyst

with the consulting firm Diagnostico Politico. "Some go beyond Scioli's control, but not all."

The list of gripes is long: crumbling schools, dilapidated public hospitals and periodic flooding, such as in August, when heavy rains forced tens of thousands to evacuate their homes.

But the most pressing issue, often the first thing people mention on the streets, is crime. Just how bad things are is anybody's guess because the Ministry of Justice stopped publishing national crime statistics in 2009.

The feel in neighborhoods like Tres de Febrero explains a lot. Heavily armed gendarmes wearing bullet-proof vests guard dozens of checkpoints. Businesses, and many of the modest cement-block homes, have barred windows. Stories abound about break-ins, armed heists and kidnappings.

"I look out on the street and see people getting robbed every day," said Guillermo Gamarra, who owns a corner store whose front is lined with metal bars. Gamarra said he was leaning toward Macri after voting last month for Sergio Massa, a former ruling party loyalist who broke ranks to form his own movement. Many residents here travel each day to work in the city of Buenos Aires. □

Quake hits mountainous Venezuela area; 1 dead

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — An earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 5.3 struck a mountainous area of Venezuela's western Merida state. Authorities say one person was killed when a rockslide hit

a car. The U.S. Geological Survey says the quake hit at 2:28 a.m. Saturday and was centered 5 kilometers (3 miles) south-southeast of the town of Lagunillas at a depth of 14 kilometers

(9 miles). Two strong aftershocks of 4.8 and 4.9 and many lesser shakes have been felt in the area.

State civil protection director Gerardo Rojas told the state AVN news agency that several landslides

occurred along the highway linking the cities of El Vigia and Merida. He says one of the slides dropped rocks on a car, killing one of the five people inside. The other four had minor injuries. □

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Puerto Rico likely to cut services or default by year's end

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Puerto Rico's government will likely have to cut back on public services or default on debts before the end of the year because it is running out of cash, the Government Development Bank said in a financial filing.

Putting numbers to a warning this summer from Gov. Alejandro Garcia Padilla, the filing this weekend said the U.S. territory had a \$370 million overdraft as of Sept. 30 and burned through a \$400 million emergency loan from a group of public corporations to keep government operating. It also cut revenue estimates for the current fiscal year by \$355 million because of weaker than expected



Puerto Rico Gov. Alejandro Garcia Padilla speaks at the Capitol building in San Juan. Puerto Rico's government will likely have to cut back on public services or default on debts before the end of the year, the Government Development Bank said this weekend. (AP Photo/Ricardo Arduengo)

collections. The development bank, which has been the lender of last resort for the island's cash-strapped govern-

ment, may be insolvent by year's end, the report added. To conserve cash, officials have been holding back

payments to suppliers and tax rebates to taxpayers and they are now discussing cutting employee work schedules by two days a week. They have warned that maintaining essential services in the areas of health, education and public safety may force them to institute a debt payment moratorium.

The island is struggling to get out of a nearly decade-long slump that has reduced government revenues and spurred a growing exodus of islanders to the U.S. mainland to look for work.

Public Affairs Secretary Jesus Manuel Ortiz said at a Friday news conference that there would not be any government shutdown

in November, but he acknowledged that one may be necessary in December.

"We are aware that a possible government shut-down could affect the economy. We are doing all that is possible so that in December we won't have to use a measure like that," he said.

The governor announced in June that Puerto Rico's nearly \$72 billion in public debt was "not payable" and said its agencies would seek concessions from creditors. Puerto Rico's Electric Power Authority announced this week a restructuring agreement with holders of its bonds, who are owed more than \$8 billion. □

US church says Haiti finds boy taken in missionary's killing

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Haitian authorities found a 4-year-old boy who was kidnapped during the killing of a missionary last month and took at least two suspects into custody, a U.S.-based church group said. Haiti's national police said in a statement this weekend that officials had received no reports about the boy being found.

Jonathan "JoJo" Paul was snatched by gunmen last month after they fatally shot long-time Haiti-based missionary Roberta Ed-



Clothes hang out to dry at the Sonlight Children's Home in the Port-au-Prince district Croix-des-Bouquets, Haiti. Haitian authorities found a 4-year-old boy who was kidnapped during the killing of a missionary last month and took at least two suspects into custody, a U.S.-based church group said. (AP Photo/Dieu Nalio Chery)

wards in a late night attack near the foster care home and food-distribution site she had run on the outskirts of Port-au-Prince since 2002. Two teenage passengers in her car escaped after the 55-year-old missionary told them to run for their lives.

Paul's recovery was reported late Friday on the Facebook page of the Tennessee-based Estes Church of Christ, which sponsored Edwards' missionary work in Haiti. It said at least two people had been de-

tained, but offered no other details. Officials at the church did not respond to messages left Saturday by the Associated Press.

Church officials have said Edwards was aware of the dangers of working in Haiti and had considered leaving recently but stayed on because of her devotion for the foster children at the Sonlight Children's Home. Paul has been raised at the home since he was brought there at 9 months old at the urging of his blind grandmother. □

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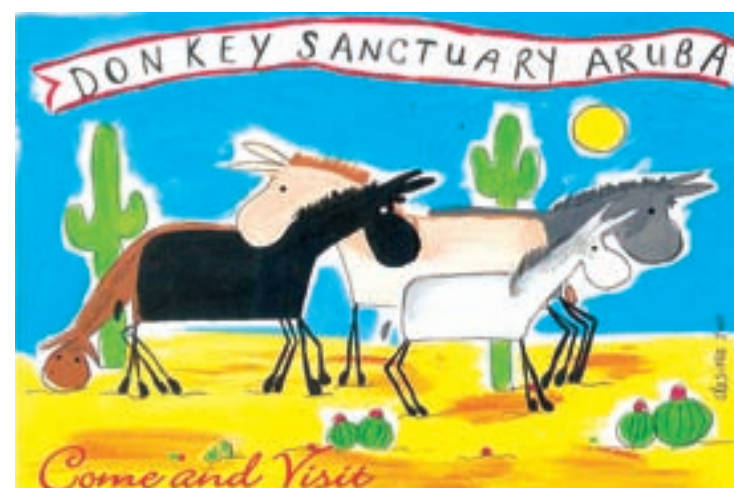
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Russell Knox of Scotland poses with his champion trophy during the award ceremony of the HSBC Champions golf tournament at the Sheshan International Golf Club in Shanghai, China Sunday, Nov. 8, 2015.

DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

SHANGHAI (AP) — Russell Knox raised both arms in

the air, closed his eyes and tilted his head toward the heavens as if he couldn't believe what he had just done.

Dating to when the World Golf Championship began in 1999, no one had ever won in his debut. Knox wasn't even eligible for the HSBC Champions until he got in 10 days ago as an alternate, and then it was a mad scramble in Malaysia to get a Chinese visa in time to play.

Walking out of the Sheshan International clubhouse on Sunday with a share of the 54-hole lead, Knox noticed a billboard with names and

images of past winners at the HSBC Champions — Phil Mickelson and Martin Kaymer, Dustin Johnson and Bubba Watson.

"Everyone who wins this tournament is a superstar," Knox said. "I knew this would be the hardest day in my life."

For a 30-year-old from Scotland who had never won in 92 previous tries on the PGA Tour, Knox made it look like a breeze. He broke out of a five-way tie for the lead with two quick birdies to start the back nine and was flawless the rest of the way for a 4-under 68 and a two-shot victory over Kevin Kisner.

"I always thought I was going to win a big one for my first one," he said. "But this is going to take a long time to sink in."

He played alongside Johnson, whose power can be so intimidating that Knox didn't watch him hit a shot for 12 holes. In the group ahead was Jordan Spieth, on his way back to No. 1 in the world. The cheers were for Li Haotong, the 20-year-old from Shanghai who received rock-star treatment during a wild final round that ended with the best finish ever by a Chinese player on the PGA Tour.

"Incredible for me this week," Li said. "This for me is very, very big."

Imagine how it felt for Knox, whose unexpected trip to China ended with a most surprising victory.

Knox finished at 20-under 268 and earned \$1.4 million, along with perks that include his first trip to the Masters in April.

"I got married on Saturday of the Masters," he said. "What a great wedding anniversary we're going to have."

It was the fourth runner-up

this year for Kisner — the other three were in play-offs. He closed with a 70, though his birdie putt on the 18th hole was worth an additional \$285,000, a small consolation.

"That's all right," Kisner said. "I'll keep finishing second and I'll keep giving myself a shot, and I know I'll win one of them."

His birdie was expensive for Danny Willett, who closed with a 62 and tied for third with Ross Fisher (68). If Kisner had not made birdie on the final hole, Willett would have overtaken Rory McIlroy in the Race to Dubai on the European Tour. Willett is playing next week in the BMW Masters in Shanghai — McIlroy is not — and even if he doesn't pass him, the Race to Dubai will come down to the final event.

McIlroy closed with a 50-foot birdie putt for a 66, ending a week in which his energy was low while recovering from food poisoning, and his putter was cold, as it has been since he returned in August from his ankle injury.

Spieth, who started the final round three shots behind, didn't feel comfortable with his swing and didn't make enough putts in his round of 70. Two birdies on the back nine at least allowed him to tie for seventh, and that was enough to move back to No. 1 in the world.

"Everyone is pushing each other a little bit, and when that No. 1 ranking slips away, it leaves some unrest in you and you really want to get back at it," Spieth said.

Johnson wound up four shots behind, and with more reason than anyone to feel as though a third WGC title got away. □

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Palmieri's OT goal lifts Devils over Canucks 4-3

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NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Kyle Palmieri scored on the power play with 1:27 left in overtime and the New Jer-

the game, but then Henrique and Cammalleri got goals later in the first and Kalinin made it 3-1 midway through the second. Henrique scored his team-

dre Burrows in the crease, causing the on-ice call to be overruled. Kalinin got his first NHL goal at 10:31 of the second period. The Devils' rookie held off Radim Vrbata as the two curled around the net

before whipping a shot from the right circle. Edler and Baertschi scored in a span of 2:07. The goals were sandwiched around fights pitting Derek Dorsett vs. Jordin Tootoo and Virtanen vs. Bobby Farnham.

New Jersey lost defenseman Adam Larsson for the game after he was assessed a 5-minute major for interference and a game misconduct for a hit on Jared McCann midway through the third period. □



Vancouver Canucks center Henrik Sedin (33) blocks New Jersey Devils defenseman Andy Greene over the puck during the first period of an NHL hockey game Sunday, Nov. 8, 2015, Newark, N.J.

Associated Press

sey Devils endured a rally by the Vancouver Canucks for a 4-3 victory on Sunday night.

The Canucks made it 3-3 with consecutive goals by Alexander Edler and Sven Baertschi in the second period, with Baertschi tying it with 5:54 left.

Keith Kinkaid made 28 saves, and Adam Henrique, Mike Cammalleri and Sergey Kalinin also scored for New Jersey. The Devils have won four of their past five games and eight of 10 since a 0-3-1 start.

Ryan Miller made 24 saves, Chris Higgins also scored and Vancouver lost its third straight.

Higgins scored 2:20 into

leading seventh of the season with a short-handed goal 5:18 in. The tally ended a sequence which began with Travis Zajac forcing a neutral-zone turnover before carrying the puck into the offensive zone. Zajac skated down the right wing, opening a lane down the middle for Henrique. From there, he took a pass from Zajac and beat Miller with a deke.

Cammalleri snapped the tie with 3:28 left on a backhand from the slot.

Jake Virtanen appeared to tie it for Vancouver moments later, but Devils coach John Hynes challenged the call and a video review showed Alexan-

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Newton's 4 TDs lead unbeaten Panthers past Packers 37-29

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) —

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Cam Newton threw three touchdown passes and ran for another score Sunday, and the Carolina Panthers took an important step toward securing home-field advantage throughout the NFC playoffs with a 37-29 win over the Green Bay Packers.

Newton completed 15 of 30 passes for 297 yards and ran for 57 yards on nine carries in one of the better games of his five-year NFL career.

The Panthers (8-0) extended their regular-season win streak to 12 and put themselves in terrific shape in the NFC standings, where every other team has at least two losses.



Carolina Panthers' Cam Newton (1) reaches the ball over the goal line for a touchdown against the Green Bay Packers in the first half of an NFL football game in Charlotte, N.C., Sunday, Nov. 8, 2015.

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Aaron Rodgers threw for 369 yards and four touchdowns and led a furious fourth-quarter comeback from 23 points down, but couldn't complete it. Linebacker Thomas Davis intercepted Rodgers on a fourth-and-goal pass at the Carolina 3 with 1:54 left.

The Packers (6-2) have lost back-to-back games after starting 6-0.

STEELERS 38, RAIDERS 35 PITTSBURGH (AP) — Chris Boswell hit an 18-yard field goal with 2 seconds left to lift the Steelers after Ben Roethlisberger left with a potentially serious left foot injury.

The Steelers (5-4) survived after Roethlisberger exited midway through the fourth quarter after getting sacked by Aldon Smith. Replacement Landry Jones found Antonio Brown for a 57-yard reception on Pittsburgh's final drive to set up Boswell's winning kick.

Brown finished with 17 catches for 284 yards, both franchise records. DeAngelo Williams ran for 170 yards and two scores as the Steelers rolled up 597 yards of total offense.

Derek Carr threw for 301 yards with four touchdowns and an interception for the Raiders (4-4). Carr found Michael Crabtree for a 38-yard score to tie it with 1:15 to go, more than enough time for the Steelers to get

Boswell in range for a chip shot even without their franchise quarterback. Oakland running back Latavius Murray ran for 96 yards but left in the third quarter with a potential concussion.

Roethlisberger passed for 334 yards with two touchdowns and a pick as he moved past Hall of Famers Johnny Unitas and Joe Montana and into 13th on the NFL list for career yards passing. When he'll get to add to that total is uncertain after he was taken from Heinz Field for further evaluation after Smith fell on his left foot.

PATRIOTS 27, REDSKINS 10 FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP)

— Julian Edelman and LeGarrette Blount scored touchdowns before the Redskins ran their second play.

Tom Brady completed 26 of 39 passes for 299 yards and two touchdowns, including an 8-yarder to Edelman on the opening drive. New England (8-0) then pulled off a surprise onside kick, but that drive stalled when Edelman fumbled.

Washington could manage only a single play: Kirk Cousins' pass that bounced off Pierre Garcon and was intercepted by Logan Ryan. New England then marched downfield to make it 14-0 on Blount's 5-yard score.

Washington (3-5) managed 15 total yards in the first quarter, and the Patriots continued to pull away. New England has scored in 31 straight quarters — every one this season except the first quarter of the first game. Blount carried 29 times for 129 yards for New England, which won easily even though Brady threw his second interception of the season. The Patriots also lost a fumble at home for the first time since 2013. TITANS 34, SAINTS 28, OT NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Tennessee rookie Marcus Mariota came back from his recent injury to pass for 371 yards and four touchdowns, including a 5-yard scoring pass to Anthony Fasano in overtime, and the Titans snapped a six-game skid. □



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Johnson passes Keselowski late for 4th Texas fall win in row

STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)

— Brad Keselowski was dominating at Texas, leading lap after lap and getting oh so close to a victory that would have given one of the four championship-contending spots in the Chase for the Sprint Cup finale.

Until Texas fall favorite Jimmie Johnson came charging after the final restart. Keselowski led a track-record 312 of 334 laps Sunday after starting from the pole, but couldn't keep Johnson from winning the Texas fall race for the fourth straight year.

"Just one step short of having the awesome day we needed to have," Keselowski said. "I'm not sure exactly how to feel about it at the moment. The 48 car had so much speed those last 10 laps."

With the already-eliminated Johnson getting his 75th career victory, three spots are still up for grabs at Phoenix, the last race before the Nov. 22 finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway. The only championship contender set is retiring four-time champion Jeff Gordon, the Martinsville winner last week and Johnson's teammate at Hendrick Motorsports.

Kyle Busch leads the points race for at least two of the spots, ahead of defending Chase champion Kevin Harvick and Martin Truex Jr. Carl Edwards is next, followed by Keselowski, Kurt Busch and Joey Logano. After the final restart with 18 laps left, Keselowski and Truex were side-by-side, and even made contact at one point before Truex went in front very briefly.

Keselowski almost as quickly got back in front, and Johnson also went charging past Truex into second place and right on the leader's tail. Truex lost his power steering in those closing laps, and slipped to finish eighth.

Johnson kept pushing and on the backstretch on lap 331, he got past when Keselowski got really loose out of the second turn. Johnson went on to win by more than a second.

"That was the first I had seen him that vulnerable all day. I just kept the pressure on him, kept searching for line," Johnson said.

"I did everything I could to hold him off but he was way faster that last run," Keselowski said. "As I sit right now, and maybe I'll change my mind, I don't know what I would have done differently, or could have done differently."

Minutes after the race, suspended driver Matt Kenseth tweeted, "Good work @JimmieJohnson! Text-book pass for the win at the end of the race when someone is trying to take your lane. #quintessential"

After Logano chalked up contact with Kenseth at Kansas last month as aggressive racing for a win, NASCAR chairman Brian France referred to the move as "quintessential."

Logano got knocked from first to last among the eight championship contenders after being intentionally wrecked by Kenseth at Martinsville a week ago as payback. NASCAR then suspended Kenseth for two races, and his appeals were denied.

"Clearly he was watching and bored at home," Johnson said, when asked

about Kenseth's tweet. "That's a nice buzz word. ... Thank you, buddy. I don't know how to even answer that."

Logano's title shot took another huge hit when he had a blown tire after only 10 laps at Texas, where he finished 66 laps back in 40th place.

Johnson led only six laps to get his fifth win of the season, his first in 20 starts and one within Dale Earnhardt for the seventh-most in NASCAR history. The No. 48 Chevrolet also won the spring race at Texas and is the first driver to win three consecutive Cup races at the high-banked, 1 1/2-mile track. □



Jimmie Johnson fires pistols in victory lane after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth, Texas, Sunday, Nov. 8, 2015.

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Djokovic makes light work of Murray in Paris Masters final

JEROME PUGMIRE

AP Sports Writer

PARIS (AP) — Novak Djokovic's relentless desire for tennis perfection is pushing him to a consistently brilliant level, one which proved far too high for Andy Murray on Sunday.

The top-ranked Serb made light work of Murray in the Paris Masters final, beating the second-seeded Briton 6-2, 6-4 for his 10th title of an outstanding year that now includes a record six Masters titles to add to his three Grand Slam wins.

With 10 titles in 2015, he is four ahead of Roger Federer. Djokovic now has won 26 Masters events altogether, two more than Federer and one behind leader Rafael Nadal.

"If you are going for the perfection, you might reach excellence," the 10-time Grand Slam champion said after dispatching Murray in 1 hour, 33 minutes. "That's the kind of mind set I have." The only major he did not win this year was the French Open, losing the final to Stan Wawrinka, and it remains the only big trophy missing in his fast-growing collection of 58 career titles.

Chasing success at Roland Garros, and the quest to win all four Grand Slams in one year — he has won three in a year twice — means his motivation level will remain undiminished in



Serbia's Novak Djokovic holds the trophy after winning the final of the BNP Masters tennis tournament in two sets, 6-2, 6-4, against Britain's Andy Murray at the Paris Bercy Arena, in Paris, France, Sunday, Nov. 8, 2015.

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"I take nothing for granted. I try to work on that all the time, because I know that is the only way I'm managing to stay successful," said the 28-year-old Djokovic after playing in his 14th straight tournament final this year. "I'm not trying to keep the status quo, because for me then that's a regression."

In winning his third straight Paris Masters title, Djokovic clinched a fourth overall — surpassing his own coach Boris Becker's tally to set another record — but wondered how much further he

could go.

"I think in terms of physical and mental ability, I have reached my peak," said Djokovic, who has reached finals in all but one tournament this year.

Djokovic extended his winning streak to 22 matches, and will be the favorite to win the season-ending ATP finals for the fourth straight time when that tournament starts in London on Nov. 15. "There is no reason for me to decrease the pace," Djokovic said. "Hopefully I can finish off the season with another great win."

Despite dropping only one set on the way to the final, the two-time Grand Slam champion Murray simply could not compete.

"It's been an incredible year for him, well done," Murray said. "I missed with my backhand a little bit today, left a few too many in the middle of the court and he was able to dictate a lot of the points from there." Serving for the match, Djokovic clenched his fist and yelled when Murray's return landed out, giving him match point. When Murray's aggressive two-

handed backhand went wide, he turned and blew a kiss to Becker and other members of his team.

In their 30th career meeting, Djokovic improve to 21-9 against Murray, who beat the Serb in the 2013 Wimbledon final.

But since then, Djokovic has won 10 of their 11 encounters. His only loss during that spell was in August, when Murray beat him in the Rogers Cup final in Montreal.

"Since the beginning of last year my results against him and Roger (Federer) haven't been good enough," said Murray, who will attempt to lead Britain to the Davis Cup title against Belgium later this month. "I need to think about why that is and what I can do to turn it around."

The second point of the match lasted 22 strokes, but Murray was rarely able to compete in the rallies after that.

Djokovic broke Murray at love in the third game, and the Briton had to save three break points in the fifth. Djokovic then held at love and broke again before serving out the set in 42 minutes.

Murray dropped his serve again to trail 2-1 in the second set but broke right back, only for Djokovic to get another break in the seventh game as he marched relentlessly toward another title. □

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Venus Williams beats Pliskova to win WTA Elite Open

ZHUHAI, China (AP) — Top-seeded Venus Williams beat Karolina Pliskova 7-5, 7-6 (6) to win the WTA Elite Trophy on Sunday.

Pliskova had a set point at 6-5 in the tiebreaker but Williams hit back-to-back forehand winners to close out the win.

"Seven weeks here in Asia and now I feel like it's my home," Williams said. "I'm so excited to win the first trophy in Zhuhai. All the players felt so welcome here and we appreciated all of the enthusiasm."

With her third win of the year, Williams returns to the top 10 for the first time in more than four years.

The tournament brought together 11 of the top players who did not qualify for last week's WTA Finals in Singapore.

Williams raced out to an early 4-1 lead in the first set but the third-seeded Pliskova fought back to 4-all before Williams took the first set.

Pliskova found her game in the second set and went up 4-2 but Williams got

back on serve and forced the tiebreaker.

"Even if I didn't make it today, it was a great week," Pliskova said. "Venus played an unbelievable match today. But I'm proud of how I played this week and hopefully we'll have more matches like this."

Winner's Venus Williams of the United States poses with her trophy after the award ceremony for the 2015 WTA Elite Trophy tennis tournament in Zhuhai in southern China's Guangdong province, Sunday, Nov. 8, 2015.

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Japan its own enemy in push to improve cybersecurity

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OKINAWA, Japan (AP) —

Apart from rogue hackers, criminal organizations or even state-backed cyberwarfare units, Japan's businesses and government agencies are facing a unique cybersecurity foe: themselves.

Even with the frequency and severity of cyberattacks booming worldwide, efforts by the world's No. 3 economic power to improve its data security are being hobbled by a widespread corporate culture that views security breaches as a loss of face, leading to poor disclosure of incidents or information sharing at critical moments, Japanese experts and government officials say. Improving cybersecurity practices has emerged as a top national priority for Japan, stung in recent years by embarrassing leaks at Sony Pictures, the national pension fund and its biggest defense contractor, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, which possibly suffered the theft of submarine and missile designs. Toshio Nawa, a top Japanese security consultant who is advising the Tokyo 2020 Olympics organizers, said he encountered a telling instance this summer when he was called to investigate a breach at a major Japanese government agency.

Nawa found that five different cybersecurity contractors employed by the agency had discovered the breach — but that not one reported or shared their findings.

With evidence from the contractors pooled together, Nawa matched the digital fingerprints to a Mexican group that he believes was responsible for a previous attack on Japanese diplomatic servers. The breach was patched, but Nawa walked away flustered.

"In the U.S., if they find a problem, they have to report," he said. "The Japa-

posed a threat to privacy. But the problem may be particularly acute for Japan's private sector behemoths and government ministries — sprawling bureaucracies wrapped in a "negative culture that cuts against wanting to communicate quickly," said William H. Saito, the top cybersecurity adviser to Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

a security firm. "The reality is companies either have been hacked or will be hacked. My message is, 'It's not your fault.'" In 2013, the latest year of available data, the Japanese government network faced an eightfold increase in cyberattacks from two years prior, with attacks spreading into civil infrastructure, as well as the telecommunications

nancial incentives for firms that demonstrate improved security capabilities and requiring companies to fill a chief cybersecurity officer role.

The Cabinet report also highlighted the issue of disclosure, saying "it is essential to relieve (network) operators' psychological burden of possibly losing credit or ruining reputation of their business if provid-

ing information to others."

Jim Foster, a former U.S. diplomat and Microsoft Japan executive who heads the Keio International Center for the Internet and Society in Tokyo, said the fast-evolving threat of hacking poses a looming challenge for Japanese industry, which never developed a deep pool of cybersecurity expertise with active exchange of ideas and know-how.

"Japanese companies grew up too big too quick and didn't have to cooperate or rely on outside expertise," he said. "But now there's this new threat unlike any-

thing else and things suddenly get difficult."

But changing habits is hard, said Nawa, the security adviser for the Olympics, who is now holding simulations and educational sessions around the country, where he emphasizes to security engineers — who do not necessarily lack technical chops — the importance of sharing findings and speaking up when they spot a problem. He said he uses a simple mantra on the training circuit: "What I say is: 'Please remove your pride.'" □



In this Dec. 18, 2014 file photo, a man walks out from the headquarters of Sony Corp. in Tokyo.

Associated Press

nese engineer feels he fails his duty if he escalates a report. They feel ashamed."

To be sure, the cybersecurity industry around the world, not just in Japan, frequently echoes the call for greater transparency within and among organizations. The U.S. Senate last month passed the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act to ease data sharing between private companies and the government for security purposes, although civil liberties advocates warned it

While rank-and-file workers fear reports of security lapses may get them punished, the problem reflects a broad lack of understanding of cybersecurity in the Japanese C-suite, Saito said in an interview on the sidelines of the Cyber3 conference in Okinawa.

"This is Japanese culture where in some situations the upper management doesn't know how to use email and IT integration is voodoo magic," said U.S.-born Saito, also an executive at Palo Alto Networks,

and energy sectors.

Against that backdrop, the Abe administration has pinpointed the 2020 Tokyo Olympics as a chance to upgrade Japan's national security capabilities while calling for a more hands-on government role to nudge companies to take cybersecurity seriously.

A Cabinet-level cybersecurity agency in September published a strategy paper that proposed, among other things, extending government-run cybersecurity classes to companies, awarding fi-

Buffett's firm doubles its 3Q profit on Kraft Heinz merger

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AP Business Writer

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Berkshire Hathaway Inc.'s third-quarter profit more than doubled as the completion of the Kraft-Heinz merger boosted the paper value of its stake in the food giant.

The conglomerate Warren Buffett leads said this weekend it earned \$9.4 billion, or \$5,737 per Class A share. That's up from \$4.6 billion, or \$2,811 per share, in last year's third quarter.

Berkshire's revenue grew 15 percent to nearly \$59 billion. Several of its non-insurance businesses, such as BNSF railroad, performed well, but the results across its nearly 90 companies were mixed.

Berkshire holds about 27 percent of the stock in the Kraft Heinz Food Co., and it recorded a \$4.4 billion after-tax gain as the result of the merger that was completed over the summer.

Buffett has said operating earnings offer a better view of quarterly performance because they ex-

clude investments and derivatives, which can vary widely. Berkshire's operating earnings per Class A share were \$2,769 this year, down slightly from \$2,876 last year.

The four analysts surveyed by FactSet expected Berkshire Hathaway to report operating earnings per Class A share of \$2,716.26. Berkshire officials do not typically comment on the company's quarterly earnings reports, and they did not immediately respond to an interview request on Friday.

BNSF railroad added \$1.16 billion to Berkshire's net income, up from \$1.04 billion last year thanks to better operations and a 1 percent increase in total volume.

Berkshire's utility businesses generated \$786 million net income, up from \$697 million a year ago.

But the operating profit at its insurance companies, which include Geico and General Reinsurance, fell to \$414 million from last year's \$629 million as the



Berkshire Hathaway Chairman and CEO Warren Buffett speaks in Omaha, Neb. Berkshire Hathaway Inc.'s third-quarter profit more than doubled as the completion of the Kraft-Heinz merger boosted the value of its stake in the food giant, the firm announced this weekend.

(AP Photo/Nati Harnik)

company wrote less reinsurance and covered a \$44 million loss related to an explosion in Tianjin, China.

"It's a mediocre quarter," S&P Capital IQ analyst

Cathy Seifert said. "This is a large, complex company with a lot of moving parts, but increasingly it seems like the gains are coming from acquisitions."

On the acquisition front,

Berkshire has two large deals in the works that are expected to close in next year's first quarter: Precision Castparts and Procter & Gamble's Duracell battery business. □

Square boosts expected IPO value by 47% in rocky market



Dr. Greg Werner poses for a picture with his Square credit card reader at his office in New York. Square, the six-year-old company known for its white, cube-shaped card readers that plug into smartphones, is boosting its planned initial public offering value by 47 percent in what has become a very dicey market for new companies trying to raise cash. (AP Photo/Seth Wenig)

NEW YORK (AP) — Square, the six-year-old company known for its white, cube-shaped credit and debit

card readers that plug into smartphones, is boosting its planned initial public offering value by 47 percent in

what has become a tough market for new companies trying to raise cash.

The San Francisco finan-

cial-services startup was founded and is led by Jack Dorsey, who co-founded Twitter and recently returned to lead that company again. Dorsey, 38, who owns 24.4 percent of Square, did not give up the CEO job at Square when he returned to his former company.

The traditional manner of valuing a company, done by multiplying the total outstanding shares by the price of each share, puts Square's worth at \$4.2 billion if the top end of the pricing range is used. That is a substantially lower than a \$6 billion valuation by the private investors in connection with the \$150 million Series E fundraising in October 2014, according to the website crunchbase.com, which tracks investments in tech companies.

Square Inc. plans to offer just over 31 million shares at a maximum of \$13 apiece for total value of up to

\$403.7 million. That includes about 4 million shares set aside for underwriters. The company had previously filed regulatory papers for an IPO valued at up to \$275 million.

Shares will trade under the symbol SQ on the New York Stock Exchange.

A number of companies have recently canceled IPOs, or scaled back their expectations, fearing malaise in U.S. markets. The U.S. IPO market slowed in the third quarter to 34 deals, down 43 percent year over year, according to Renaissance Capital, hurt by the market sell-off over the summer and a lack of tech and energy deals, in particular. Additionally, average IPO returns were negative for the first time since 2011. Square helps small businesses process credit card payments on phones and tablet computers, turning them into electronic sales terminals. □

America's housing recovery divided on age, race and place

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's the most profitable time to sell a house since the Great Recession started in late 2007. But first-time buyers are increasingly scarce. More Americans are qualifying for mortgages, yet minorities still get disproportionately rejected.

Three new industry analyses released late last week show that the recovering economy has produced a divided U.S. housing market. Where people live, their age and the color of their skin have largely influenced who has benefited as real estate continues to heal from the bursting of a mortgage bubble that triggered the worst economic downturn in nearly 80 years.

Budding sales growth over the past year has overwhelmingly helped existing owners who are seeking an upgrade. But the millennials buying their first home are being priced out of the market because student debt has prevented them from saving. And a major gap exists among who qualifies for a mortgage even as the overall approval rate improves.

SELLER'S MARKET

Between July and September, sellers unloaded their homes for an average of \$40,658 more than they paid for their properties, according to RealtyTrac, the California-based real estate information company. This was the largest profit recorded since the third quarter of 2007, although it remains below profits averaging in excess of \$100,000 during the height of the boom in late 2005.

The financial gains might be enough to coax more people to list their properties for sale, ending a shortage of homes on the market.

The profits are "enough to say, yes, I can leverage this into moving up and buying a bigger home," said Darren Blomquist, a vice president at RealtyTrac.

But not all markets are equal.

Sellers in San Francisco pocketed \$463,505. Manhattanites reaped \$385,909. Those in Washington, D.C. made \$130,593, while sellers in Los Angeles came away with \$115,573.

Milwaukee and Tampa, Florida.

"In some cases, it may have to do with outlying areas that people were willing to buy into during the housing bubble," Blomquist said.

homebuyers has fallen for the third consecutive year to its lowest level since 1987, according to a survey by the National Association of Realtors.

First-timers accounted for

years. A quarter of the first-time buyers identified saving for a down payment as their biggest challenge, with the majority of this group saying that education loans hurt their ability to set aside money.

This problem may only worsen as student debt burdens continue to expand.

College borrowers who graduated in 2014 finished on average with \$28,950 in debt, a 31 percent increase over the past decade after adjusting for inflation, according to a report last week by The Institute for College Access and Success.

MORTGAGE APPROVALS

It's gotten easier to receive a mortgage, yet black and Hispanic homebuyers continue to lag substantially behind whites and Asians.

The mortgage rejection rate fell last year to 11.2 percent from 12.4 percent in 2013, according to Zillow, the real estate marketplace. The rejection rate for blacks also fell over the past year, but it remains elevated at 23.5 percent. Just 2.5 percent of approvals for conventional mortgages went to blacks in 2014, even though they represent 12 percent of the U.S. population. □



This photo shows a sign in front of a home for sale in Roswell, Ga. Three new industry analyses released late last week show that the recovering economy has produced a divided U.S. housing market. Where people live, their age and the color of their skin have largely influenced who has benefited as real estate continues to heal from the bursting of a mortgage bubble that triggered the worst economic downturn in nearly 80 years. (AP Photo/John Bazemore)

Meanwhile, housing in other major U.S. counties sold on average at a loss.

This includes the Chicago suburbs outside Cook County, with McHenry County sellers losing an average of \$19,849. Sellers tended to unload properties for less than they paid in Baltimore, Cincinnati,

"They're not close enough to jobs to make sense for buyers now."

FIRST-TIME STRUGGLES

Millennials, ages 18 to 34, face a less affordable housing market than their parents, forcing them to put off ownership.

The share of first-time

less than a third of sales that are expected to comfortably exceed 5 million this year. This group has traditionally represented 40 percent of sales.

The Realtors survey indicates that student loans and other debts have delayed down payment savings by a median of three

Corporate deals set to rise despite global jitters

PAN PYLAS

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — There is no let-up in executives' appetite for corporate takeovers despite volatility in the stock market and mounting concerns over the global economy, particularly China.

According to a survey released recently by consulting firm EY, the recent wave of mergers and acquisitions, or M&A, is set to continue over the coming year. It found that 59 percent of global companies are planning to secure at least one deal over the next 12 months, partly as a means of cushioning waning global growth as China's economy slows.

The figure for October is up from 56 percent in April and 40 percent at the same time last year. It represents the highest interest in acquisitions that EY's survey of corporate deal-making has found in its six-year history. The low point was at the start, when only 24 percent of companies signaled the intention to make a takeover.

"With modest increases in global GDP, organic growth alone is not enough for companies to expand and reshape at the pace they need," said Pip McCrostie, EY's global head of transactions.

"The search for growth is lifting deal-making to record highs, and executives

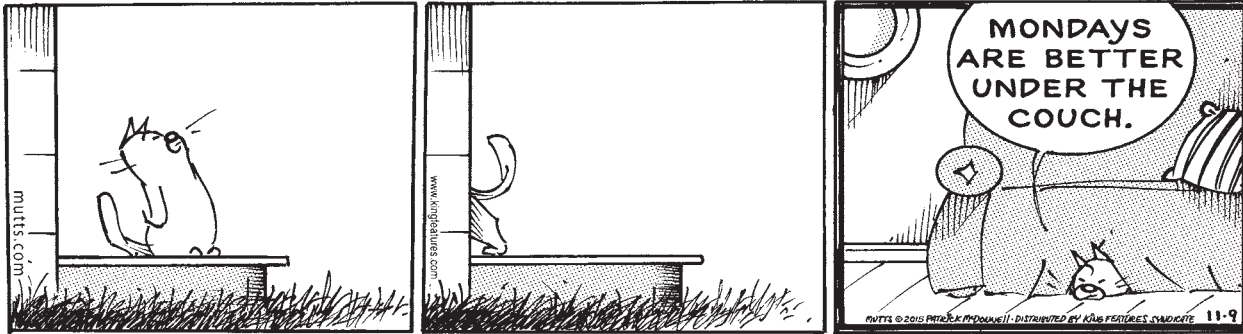
are focusing on M&A to secure innovation, competitive advantage and market share for the foreseeable future," she added. M&A activity has really gathered pace this year with deal values, according to EY, already up 35 percent on 2014 and more megadeals — those valued above \$10 billion — in 2015 than in any previous year of the survey's history. Earlier this month, the world's top two beer makers agreed to join forces to create a company that would control nearly a third of the global market. Much of the logic behind the 69 billion-pound (\$106 billion) takeover of British-based SAB Miller

by Anheuser Busch InBev is to cope with faltering beer consumption in many parts of the world.

Other big deals this year include Royal Dutch Shell's 47 billion-pound (\$71 billion) yet-to-be-completed acquisition of BG Group, as well as the \$62.6 billion merger between Heinz and Kraft Foods, which is now called Kraft Heinz.

EY said the boundaries between industries looks set to blur, with 48 percent of executives planning acquisitions in a different sector as new technology impacts almost everything along the business chain. The manufacturing and retail sectors are set for the most such activity. □

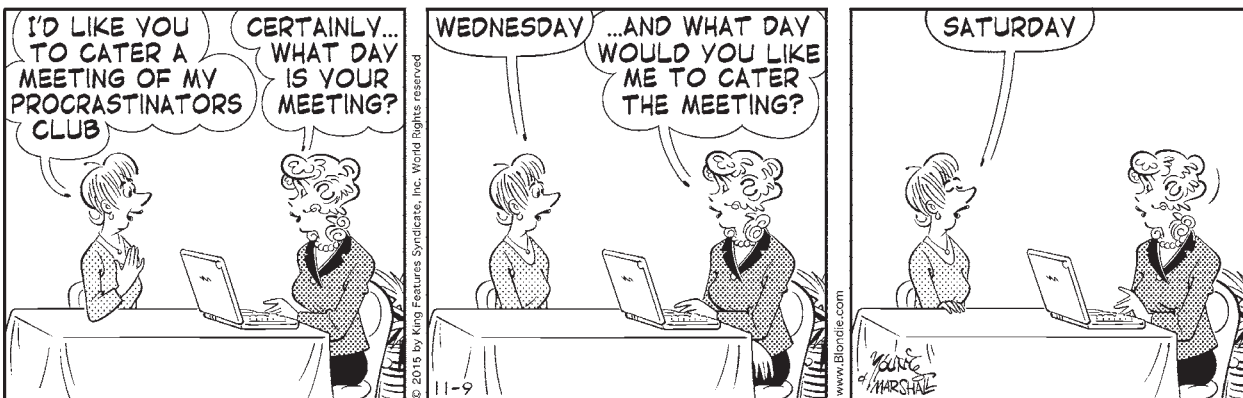
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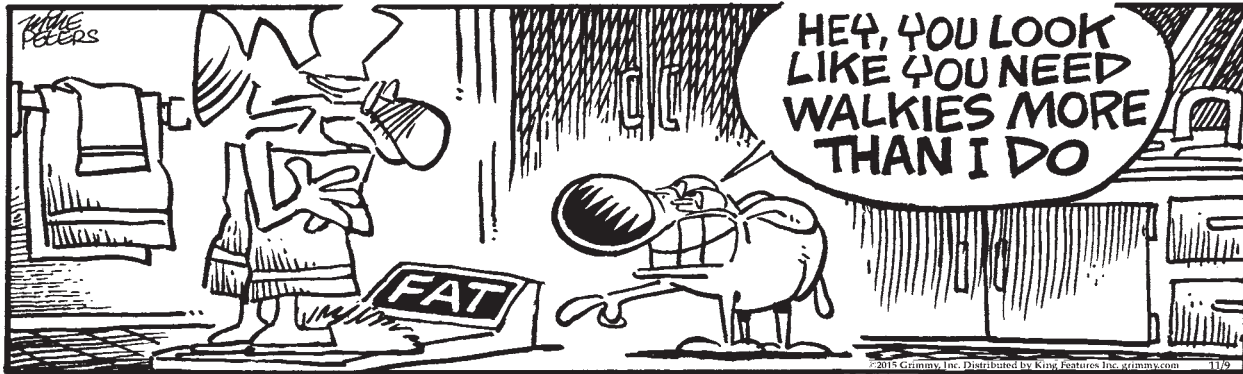
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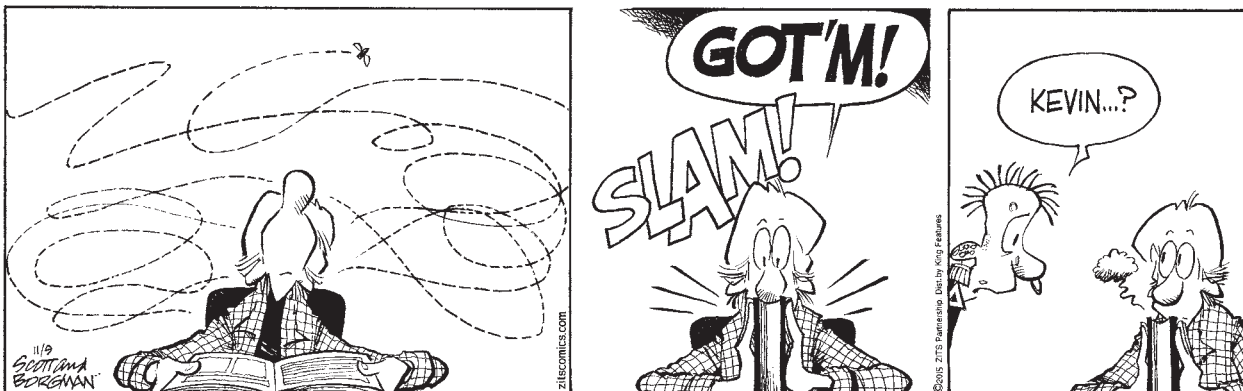
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

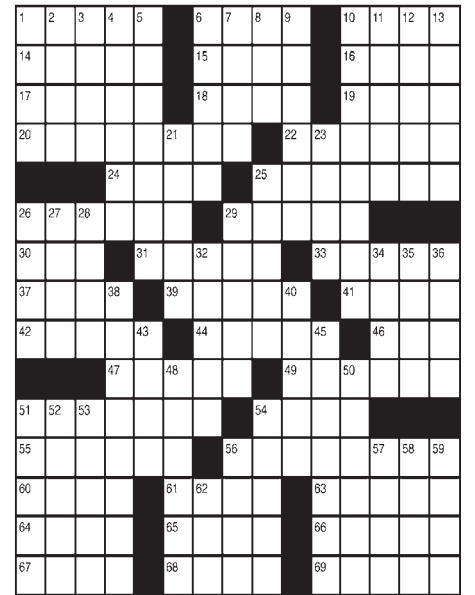
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- Lifted up
- Embrace
- Makes a salary
- Family card game
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- Night twinkler
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Missouri football players pressure school over race

S. BALLENTINE
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Associated Press
COLUMBIA, Missouri (AP)

— Student protests over racial incidents on the University of Missouri campus escalated over the weekend when at least 30 black football players announced they will not participate in team activities until the school's president is removed.

President Tim Wolfe gave no indication he has any intention of stepping down, but agreed in a statement Sunday that "change is needed" and said the university is working to draw up a plan by April to promote diversity and tolerance. For months, black student groups have complained of racial slurs and other slights on the overwhelmingly white, 35,000-student campus. Tensions flared during the homecoming parade Oct. 10 when black protesters blocked Wolfe's car in an unsuccessful attempt to talk to him.

On Saturday night, black members of the football team joined the outcry. The athletes did not say explicitly whether they would boycott the team's three remaining games this season. The Tigers' next game is Saturday against Brigham Young University at Arrowhead Stadium, the home of the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs, and canceling it could cost the school more than \$1 million.

Head football coach Gary Pinkel promptly expressed solidarity with the black players on Twitter by posting a picture of the team and coaches locking arms. The tweet read: "The Miz-zou Family stands as one. We are united. We are behind our players."

The statement from the football players included a photograph of 32 black men. Among them was Jonathan Butler, a black graduate student who is nearly a week into a hunger strike to call attention to racial problems on campus.

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Scientists tinker with evolution to save Hawaii coral reefs

CALEB JONES

Associated Press

COCONUT ISLAND, Hawaii (AP) — Scientists at a research center on Hawaii's Coconut Island have embarked on an experiment to grow "super coral" that they hope can withstand the hotter and more acidic oceans that are expected with global warming.

The quest to grow the hearty coral comes at a time when researchers are warning about the dire health of the world's reefs, which create habitats for marine life, protect shorelines and drive tourist economies.

When coral is stressed by changing environmental conditions, it expels the symbiotic algae that live within it and the animal turns white or bright yellow, a process called bleaching, said Ruth Gates, director of the Institute of Marine Biology at the University of Hawaii.

If the organisms are unable to recover from these bleaching events, especially when they recur over several consecutive years, the coral will die. Gates estimated that about 60 to 80 percent of the coral in Kaneohe Bay has bleached this year.

"The bleaching has intensified and got much more serious," said Gates of the coral around the bay. Where they once looked for the bleached coral

among the healthy, Gates said her team is now "looking for the healthy individuals in a sea of pale corals."

Gates and her team are taking the coral to their center on the 29-acre isle, once a retreat for the rich and famous and home to television's Gilligan's

is called assisted evolution, and while it has been used for thousands of years on other plants and animals, the concept has not been applied to coral living in the wild.

"We've given them experiences that we think are going to raise their ability to survive stress," Gates

losing somewhere in the range of 10 to 20 percent of the coral reefs this year," NOAA coral reef watch coordinator Mark Eakin said when the report was released. "Hawaii is getting hit with the worst coral bleaching they have ever seen."

And this is the second consecutive year Hawaii has experienced widespread bleaching.

Scientists say some coral has already fallen victim to global warming. About 30 percent of the world's population has already perished as a result of above average ocean temperatures, El Nino's effects and acidification.

Gates and her team understand the challenges of scalability and time. Having success locally does not necessarily mean they will be able to scale their project to address a massive, global marine crisis before much of the world's coral reefs are already gone.

Tom Oliver, a marine biologist and team leader at NOAA's Coral Reef Ecosystem Division, said the project is scalable with the requisite amount of effort and funding. He said, "the question is not can they do it, it's can they do it fast enough?"

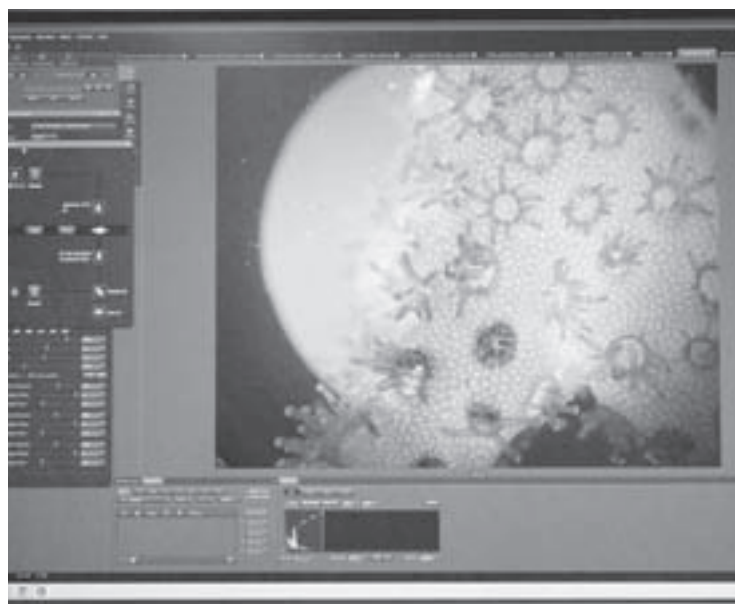
Oliver said that many reef restoration projects struggle because of the cost and time involved with

raising standard coral and planting it in the ocean. "Restoration needs to have brood stock that can handle the changing conditions on reefs," he said. Gates said more research needs to be done before they can begin to address scalability.

In 2013, Gates and her Australian counterpart Dr. Madeleine van Oppen, who does coral research at the Australia Institute of Marine Science, won the \$10,000 Paul G. Allen Ocean Challenge for their proposal to assist coral evolution.

Allen's foundation then asked them for a proposal to fully fund the idea, which they eventually did with a \$4 million grant in June. Allen, who co-founded Microsoft with Bill Gates, has various climate-related projects in his philanthropic portfolio. Hawaii's Gates said that while the goal of their project is to help coral survive global warming, there is still a need to end human's reliance on fossil fuels and to mitigate the emission of greenhouse gases that cause global warming.

"Even if we stopped all greenhouse gas emissions today, there is still this lag in the atmosphere where climate change will continue for probably hundreds of years," Van Oppen said. "It's hard to imagine it's not going to get worse." □



In this Sept. 28, 2015 photo, living coral is shown under a microscope at the Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology on Coconut Island, Hawaii. Associated Press

Island, and slowly exposing them to slightly more stressful water.

They bathe chunks of coral that they've already identified as having strong genes in water that mimics the warmer and more acidic oceans. They are also taking resilient strains and breeding them with one another, helping perpetuate those stronger traits.

The theory they are testing

said. She said they hope to see these corals, which will soon be transplanted into the bay, maintain their color, grow normally and then reproduce next summer.

In early October, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said that coral reefs worldwide are experiencing bleaching, calling the event extensive and severe.

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'Spectre' shoots to \$73M, misses 'Skyfall's' mark

LINDSEY BAHR
AP Film Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It took the combination of James Bond and Charlie Brown to save the box office after a disastrous few weekends of flops. Both "Spectre" and "The Peanuts Movie" reinvigorated moviegoers who turned out in droves to check out the new fare, including buzzy limited-release titles like "Spotlight."

"Spectre" took an easy first-place spot with an estimated \$73 million, according to Rentrak estimates Sunday, to become the second-biggest Bond opening of all time. The 24th film in the 53-year-old

series stars Daniel Craig as the dapper spy and cost a reported \$250 million to produce.

Domestically, "Spectre" failed to live up to the record-breaking standard set by "Skyfall," which debuted to \$88.4 million in 2012 and went on to become the first film in the franchise to earn over \$1 billion worldwide.

"We never expected it to open to the level of 'Skyfall.' It was a very different scenario. The competition was different, the weekend was different," said Rory Bruer, Sony's president of worldwide distribution. "One thing I am certain of is that the Bond

franchise is as healthy and strong as ever."

Distributor Sony, who co-produced the film with Eon Productions and MGM, tried to manage expectations going into the weekend, predicting an opening in the \$60 million range. "It's still a great number," said Paul Dergarabedian, Rentrak's senior media analyst. "For a franchise that's over 50 years old, it's really an astounding achievement."

"Spectre's" worldwide take is a different story. The film opened No. 1 in all 71 territories and earned a total of \$117.8 million.

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In this image released by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures/Columbia Pictures/EON Productions, Daniel Craig appears in a scene from the James Bond film, "Spectre." The movie releases in U.S. theaters on Nov. 6, 2015. Associated Press








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It has earned a whopping \$300 million worldwide in less than two weeks and still has yet to open in a few major markets, including China.

Stateside, though, reviews have been mixed, and "Spectre," unlike "Skyfall," had competition in its first weekend in theaters with another beloved set of characters — Charlie Brown and Snoopy.

"The Peanuts Movie" provided a family-friendly alternative to James Bond's guns and martinis and took second place with a strong \$45 million. The film cost around \$100 million to make.

Audiences, 70 percent of whom were families, gave "The Peanuts Movie" a strong A CinemaScore, suggesting that word of mouth will be strong for the animated pic.



In this photo provided by Twentieth Century Fox & Peanuts Worldwide LLC, Charlie Brown and Lucy play in the new film, "The Peanuts Movie."

The cross-generational appeal was no accident for the Fox marketing team, who were looking to appeal to all ages.

Chris Aronson, Fox's president of domestic distribution, attributes the success to getting both parents and kids excited.

"We were everywhere,"

he noted of the campaign. "That's what we thought we had to do to get through the noise of Bond to connect with moviegoers from 8 to 80 which I think we really were successful in doing."

Holdovers "The Martian," "Goosebumps," and "Bridge of Spies" round-

ed out the top five, while new opener "Miss You Already," starring Drew Barrymore and Toni Collette, opened in 384 theaters to only \$572,160.

Three possible awards contenders also made their debut in limited release to mixed results — "Spotlight," "Brooklyn," and "Trumbo."

"Spotlight," director Tom McCarthy's film about the Boston Globe's Pulitzer Prize-winning investigation into the sex abuse scandal in the Catholic Church, was the strongest of the pack, opening to \$302,276 from only five theaters.

"Brooklyn," a 1950s-set immigrant story starring Saoirse Ronan, took in a respectable \$181,000 from five theaters this weekend after opening Wednesday. "Trumbo," starring Bryan Cranston, took in \$77,229 from five theaters.

Overall, things are looking up at the box office. The final installment of "The Hunger Games" franchise opens in two weeks, and "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" bows in just over a month.

"We certainly needed this infusion of excitement into a marketplace that has been just lying there doing nothing almost for the past few weeks," Dergarabedian said. "This is good news for Hollywood to get things back on track." □

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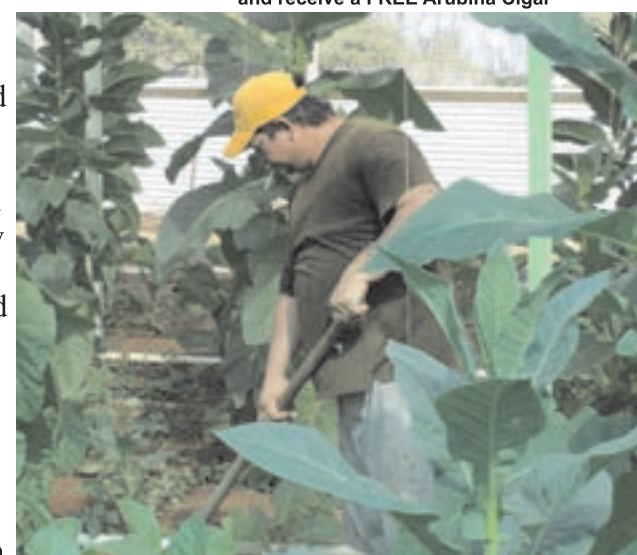
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